



165 Brick Store Landing Road
Smyrna, DE 19977
302-659-DEMA (3362) or 1-877-SAY DEMA
FAX 302-659-6853

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, August 25, 2011

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT: Rosanne Pack
(302) 659-2210
(302) 222-6573

VISITORS URGED TO POSTPONE DELAWARE PLANS FOR WEEKEND OF IRENE

Due to the impending and potentially very dangerous Hurricane Irene, all those who plan to visit Delaware the weekend of August 26-28 are urged to postpone plans immediately. Gov. Jack Markell and emergency management officials state that weather conditions will not allow safe travel and lodging in the beach areas and possibly throughout other areas of the state.

State officials are also discussing evacuation possibilities for coastal and flood prone areas throughout the state with county and other relevant partners. Any evacuation decisions and related actions will be announced and distributed immediately. Those who are presently vacationing in the beach areas are urged to return to their homes now while roads and bridges are safe.

The Governor and all emergency management officials are closely monitoring this dangerous storm and ask that the public take it very seriously, enact their household and business emergency plans and follow directions from state officials. Those plans should include preparing for periods without travel or power, as well as securing objects around homes and businesses that may be affected by high winds.

--- ### ---